-as His Aids in Robbery

State's attorney's police said yesterday that Vito Zaccagnini, 22, of 517 Millard av., has confessed that he and two other men participated in the robbery of John Onesto, 72, a

Onesto

Zaccagnini

Onesto's shoe repair shop at 2103 Taylor st. a year ago, which resulted in Onesto's death.

He identified the other two men, who are sought, as John Groth, 21, of 3[illegible] Lituanica av., and Chris [illegible] of 2933 Wells st.

Zaccagnini told Sgt. Nicholas Disteldorf of the state's attorney's police that he planned the robbery after he had learned, in casual conversation with Onesto's grandson, Tino, that Onesto was planning a trip back to his native Italy, and that the shoemaker had saved a considerable sum of money to defray the expenses of the trip.

Tells How He Met Accomplices

He said that after this, he approached Joseph Barbaro, 22, of 2222 N. Austin blvd., and suggested that Barbaro join him in robbing Onesto. Barbaro declined, Zaccagnini told police, but put him in touch with Groth and Lisallo.

The night of the robbery, police quoted Zaccagnini as saying, he remained across the street while

[illegible] knew him by sight, and he did not want to go in the shop until Onesto had been bound and blindfolded.

He entered the shop a few minutes later after receiving a signal from one of the others, Zaccagnini said, and found Onesto on the floor, his arms and legs bound, a piece of tape over his eyes, and a towel over his mouth. Groth and Lisallo were ransacking the place, he said, searching for money. LOSELLO

Zaccagnini told police that all he received from the robbery was 18 silver dollars. He said he did not know how much Groth and Lisallo obtained. After the robbery, Onesto's son, James, told police that $750 had been taken. Also missing were three watches.

Left Victim Alive, He Says

Zaccagnini said Onesto was still alive when he and Groth and Lisallo left the shop. Police said that Onesto suffered from bronchial trouble and that the gag apparently helped cause his death. After the robbery, Zaccagnini said, he went with Groth and Lisallo to a washroom in the veterans administration building at 366 W. Adams st., where the other two gave him $18, and offered him a watch, which he refused.

Zaccagnini was arrested after Barbaro, under lie detector questioning, gave police his name. Barbaro also is held, but without charge.

Zaccagnini told police that one of the stolen watches was thrown in the river at the Adams st. bridge. An effort will be made to recover the watch. Zaccagnini said he met Barbaro when both were students in the Chicago Barber college at 568 W. Madison st.

Last night, police and Assistant State's Atty. Edward Finnegan accompanied Zaccagnini to the Taylor st. shop where Onesto was robbed—now occupied by a lunchroom—and Zaccagnini showed them how the crime was committed.